

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) A printing ~~services-device~~ vending machine for printing a ~~user-created~~ document, the device vending machine comprising:

a receiver unit configured to receive electronic data that represents the ~~user-created~~ document to be printed, wherein the electronic data representing the document is supplied by the user of the printing vending machine without content from the printing vending machine;

a payment authorization unit; and

a printer coupled to the receiver and the payment authorization unit, wherein the printer prints the ~~user-created~~ document upon indication from the payment authorization unit and delivers the printed document to the user of the printing vending machine.

2. (currently amended) The device vending machine, according to claim 1, further comprising:

a first document input element coupled to a network for receiving the electronic data that represents the ~~user-created~~ document to be printed from a the network.

3. (currently amended) The device vending machine, according to claim 2, wherein the network is the Internet, and wherein the ~~user-created~~ document was previously stored by the user on a virtual storage device accessible via the Internet.

4. (currently amended) The ~~device~~ vending machine, according to claim 1, further comprising:

a display and input device configured to provide information regarding the document and payment information.

5. (currently amended) The ~~device~~ vending machine, according to claim 4, wherein the display and input device is a LCD touch screen.

6. (currently amended) The ~~device~~ vending machine, according to claim 1, further comprising:

an output bin that contains the printed document printed by said printer.

7. (currently amended) The ~~device~~ vending machine, according to claim 1, further comprising:

a second document input element for receiving the electronic data that represents the ~~user-created~~ document to be printed from a portable media device.

8. (currently amended) The ~~device~~ vending machine, according to claim 1, further comprising:

an input bin that allows the user to input predetermined types of paper to the printer.

9. (currently amended) The ~~device~~ vending machine of claim 8, wherein the input bin is a cut sheet feeder.

10. (currently amended) A printing services device for printing a ~~user-created~~ document, the device comprising:

a receiver means configured to receive electronic data that represents the ~~user-created~~ document to be printed, wherein the electronic data representing the document to be printed is supplied by a user of the printing services device without content from the printing services device;

a payment authorization means;

a memory means for storing the received electronic data that represents the ~~user-created~~ document to be printed; and

a printing means, coupled to the receiver means, payment authorization means, and memory means for printing the ~~user-created~~ document upon indication from the payment authorization means.

11. (currently amended) The device, according to claim 10, further comprising:

a first document input means coupled to a network for receiving the electronic data that represents the ~~user-created~~ document to be printed from the network.

12. (currently amended) The device, according to claim 10, further comprising:

a second document input means for receiving said electronic data [[that]] from a portable media device

13. (currently amended) The device, according to claim 10, further comprising:

a display means and input device means for providing information regarding the ~~user-created~~ document and payment information.

14. (currently amended) A method for providing a printing service to print a ~~user-created~~ document, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

retrieving electronic data representing the ~~user-created~~ document to be printed, wherein the electronic data representing the document is supplied by a user of the printing services device without content from the printing services device;

authorizing user payment information; and

printing a copy of the retrieved electronic data representing the ~~user-created~~ document based on the authorizing.

15. (currently amended) The method, according to claim 14, wherein ~~the step of~~ retrieving the electronic data further comprises ~~the step of~~:

retrieving the electronic data representing the ~~user-created~~ document to be printed from a network.

16. (currently amended) The method, according to claim 14, wherein ~~the step of~~ retrieving the electronic data further comprises ~~the step of~~:

retrieving the electronic data representing the ~~user-created~~ document to be printed from a portable media device.

17. (currently amended) The method, according to claim 14, further comprising ~~the step of~~:

receiving user information regarding the ~~user-created~~ document and the payment information.

18. (currently amended) The method, according to claim 14, wherein ~~the step of~~ printing the copy further comprises ~~the step of~~:

accepting paper sheets from a first bin.

19. (currently amended) The method, according to claim 14, wherein ~~said step of~~ printing the copy further comprises ~~the step of~~:

outputting the printed document into a second bin.

20. (currently amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein the network is the Internet, and wherein the ~~user-created~~ document was previously stored by the user on a virtual storage device accessible via the Internet.